

Shrewsbury Commission on Disabilities
Minutes, December 10, 2002

In attendance were John Harris, Joe Bellil, Jerry Berrier, Gail Sokolowski, and Dan Morgado.

Gail moved and Joe seconded approval of the November minutes, after the following corrections: Mr. Brunneau's name was spelled incorrectly, and "low Fat Know Fat" was written incorrectly. Jerry will correct his copy.

Liaison Report; Mr. Morgado:

He and Bob Cox met recently with principals regarding the brick schoolhouse. Nault Architects will resubmit the plans for access improvements, based on recent discussions with the Historical Society and officials from the adjacent church. They are considering moving the main entrance from the east to the west side of the building. This would free up some additional floor space.

The Historical Society said State building code officials did not inform them at the time when a lift was installed that it would not meet AAB codes. They are now seeking to remedy this situation and may seek a waiver from the AAB. Bill Glascock is now the president of the Shrewsbury Historical Society.

Dan briefly described recent work at Dean Park, as detailed in an attached report from Angela Snell in the November minutes of our Commission.

He suggested that we come up with a couple of accessibility projects to suggest to local real estate developers; they will sometimes negotiate with Town Government to perform various enhancements to a development under consideration.

He mentioned the need for a warrant article requesting \$10,000.00 for the coming year for access improvements.

He received an e-mail from a concerned resident about construction at the North Shore School. Dan opposed their proposed change that would have eliminated a HP spot.

Artimus Ward event: Dan said Town Hall does not control that group. He again urged us to focus on educating those responsible for holding community events.

John and Joe again pointed out HP issues at Quinsigamond Plaza. Dan suggested that we write a letter. Access issues at Trader Joe's were also discussed.

Mr. Morgado then left the meeting.

Appointments: None.

Announcements: None.

Correspondence: John briefly covered newsletters, copies of two license requests, and a copy of a letter Mr. Morgado had sent to the AAB regarding access issues at the Historical Society schoolhouse.

Web Site: We agreed that e-mails to the Commission on Disabilities should automatically be CC-ed to all commission members. Gail will request the change. We also want a link to our page from the community calendar, so that individuals planning events can read up on how to make their events more accessible.

Building Permits: We discussed our desire to be made aware of building permit requests involving major construction or renovations. No action was designated.

Education: jerry will move ahead with plans to hold an emergency preparedness seminar for senior citizens and residents with disabilities. He'll report in January.

Next meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2003.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

Respectfully,

Jerry Berrier, Secretary